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of ours, took and weighed the evidence when it was brought in by Mr. Peters and that that was brought in by Senator Bereuter. We decided right then and there that Senator Bereuter had no absolute fact to say that 3%, 2% or 1% was the right amount of money to charge these three cities for collecting their taxes. If you go to your county treasurer you will find that he charges 3% to collect from the NRD's, the school boards and every other subdivision of government, he charges 3% to collect them. He may be doing too much, but one thing about it if you don't put it on that you have to put it on the property tax. So, what we did, we weighed the evidence and this committee weighed it very heavily and they studied it over real good and they came up with the decision that Senator Bereuter had the less evidence. Mr. Peters and his department had come up and convinced us that if he didn't receive this money from the sales tax that is collected in Omaha that he would have to go for a deficiency appropriation and we decided that in our wisdom, that this was the way that it should go, we killed the bill, and Mr.... Senator Bereuter came on the floor of this legislature and brought it out of committee and passed that bill and that is one place where this legislature doesn't know or understand what is really happening when you pass some legislation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, I am going to ask the question and the question is shall debate cease.

PRESIDENT: There are no more lights on Senator. Senator Carsten, will you close debate on this matter.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, it is a tough one. Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I am not going to be lengthy in my closing and as you know I am never lengthy in what I have to say. I don't think that there is anyone of us here that questions the ability and the seriousness or the hard work that that appropriations committee does. I think that it is the hardest committee to serve on. I think that revenue is second hardest. But, they do do a good job and their concerns for the State of Nebraska are legitimate. I don't have any arguments for the approaches that they do take many times. I think that the agencies and the administrators of state government do need to give an accountability. But, I think ladies and gentlemen that this type of approach to achieve that is a detriment to the operation of state government. If we are to cut back on allocation of money to those departments regardless of what it might be, and cut back on personnel in order to accomplish that purpose, I think that we are wronging the State of Nebraska. I want to also say that in the discussion and the hearing of the bill that Senator Bereuter had before us, we did not have a legislative chamber full of people coming to support him from Omaha, Lincoln and Bellevue. There was not a lot of support at all. If they were so dissatisfied, why weren't they here? I appreciate his concern. It is all my concern. But, I don't